

High Hills Elementary School

4971 Frierson Road
Sumter, SC 29152

Grades	4-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	492 Students	
Principal	Dr. Maggie J. Wright	803-499-3327
Superintendent	J. Frank Baker	803-469-6900
Board Chair	E. Keith Schultz	803-469-6900

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Below Average
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Good	Good
2011	Average	Average
2010	Average	Good

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

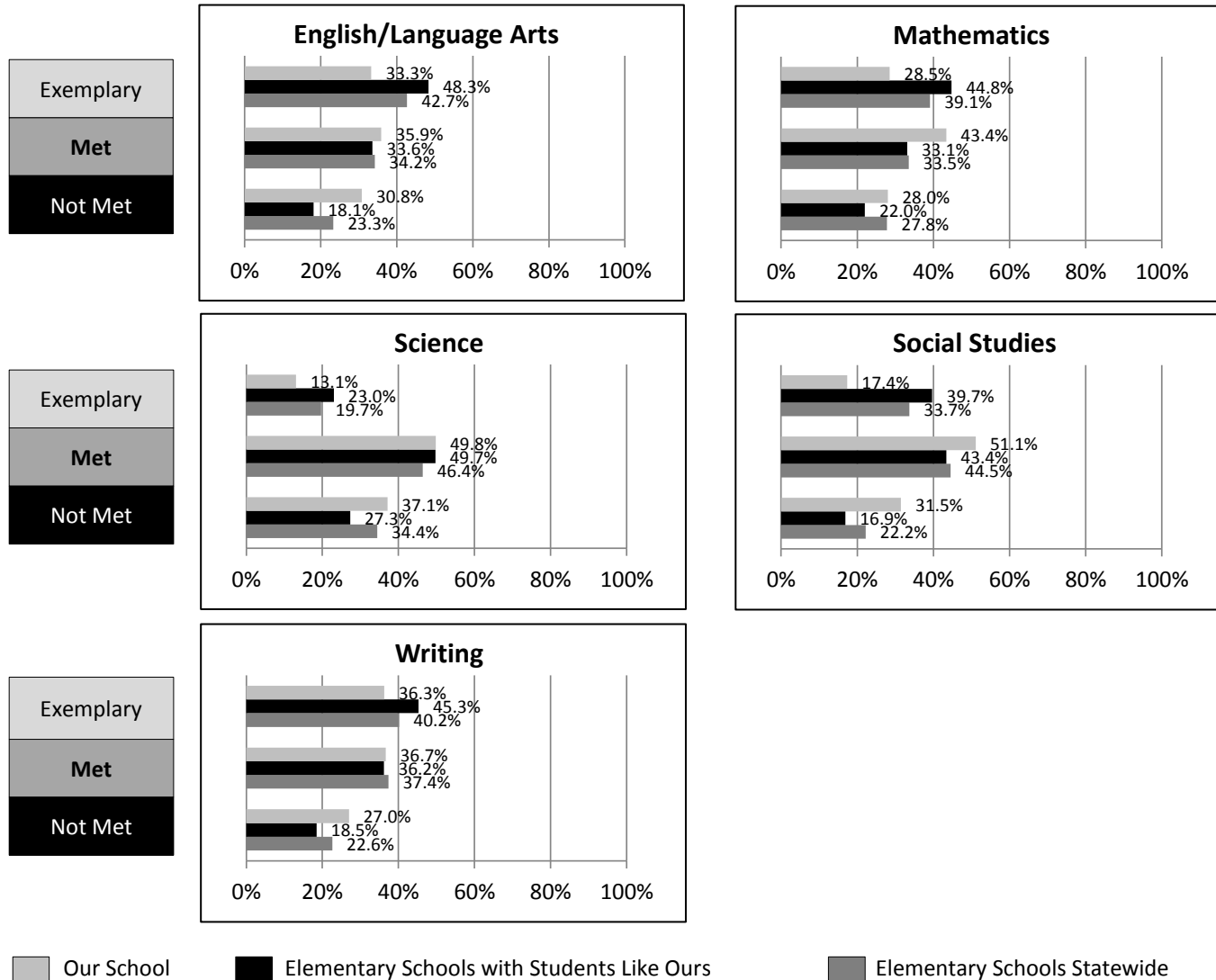
93.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
45	37	16	1	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n = 492)				
1st graders who attended full-day kindergarten	N/R	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
Retention Rate	1.0%	Down from 3.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Attendance Rate	94.9%	Down from 96.8%	96.5%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	17.8%	Down from 23.4%	8.9%	7.3%
With disabilities	16.5%	Up from 15.5%	12.5%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.5%	Down from 4.9%	1.8%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 26)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.8%	Up from 51.7%	63.3%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	73.1%	Down from 82.8%	85.1%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	73.9%	Down from 80.2%	90.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	91.3%	Down from 94.3%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,877	Up 4.6%	\$49,324	\$47,902
Professional development days/teacher	17.6 days	Up from 16.1 days	11.9 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.0 to 1	Up from 20.8 to 1	20.3 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.1%	Down from 90.7%	90.5%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.4%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,423	Up 11.9%	\$7,270	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.5%	Up from 58.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.3%	Up from 57.0%	66.8%	66.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

High Hills Elementary School, a Palmetto Silver Award Recipient, strives to develop lifelong learners while also helping them grow socially and emotionally. High Hills Elementary is also the proud recipient of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) grant which provides after school STEM activities to students. Our student enrollment is made up of military dependents from the nearby Shaw Air Force Base, Third US ARMY and students from the surrounding rural community. We have a highly transient population. However, our school and district personnel, parents, community members and students work together effectively to create a positive and inviting learning environment. High Hills Elementary, a Title I school, provides students in grades four and five a great place to learn.

Our teachers continue to use unit plans, which address state standards and provide students with critical thinking skills and problem solving activities. Our dedicated teachers meet weekly to plan instructional activities that correlate to our state standards. Teachers are provided on-going professional development opportunities to enhance instructional strategies. Implementation of the Building Data Team (BDT) has played an intricate part in analyzing data to provide personal learning objectives and goals for our students. We utilize educational research and test data to focus on programs that will help to increase student achievement.

We continue to work closely with the community in various ways. Community volunteers were involved by participating in various school activities such as Principal for a day, SC PASS monitoring, staff appreciation week activities, team building day, and career day. Parent involvement is strongly encouraged and supported. Our family involvement continues to flourish through involvement in activities such as serving on school committees, volunteering in the classroom, attending parenting workshops, assisting students with projects, and serving as chaperones for field trips.

Home/school relations were enhanced by way of weekly instructional newsletters, monthly school newsletters, teacher calls/notes, parent portal, homework hotline, eChalk teacher class page, home visits and weekly notices to parents of upcoming events utilizing EduLink.

At High Hills Elementary School, we continue to strive to provide a quality education for our children while creating a lifelong community of learners. We are confident that by the school and community working together, we truly can make a difference for the children whose lives we touch.

Dr. Maggie J. Wright, Principal

Mrs. Bertha King, School Improvement Council, Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	22	210	126
Percent satisfied with learning environment	77.3%	83.8%	85.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.9%	81.3%	84.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	77.3%	83.8%	78.6%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	82.3
Overall Grade Conversion	B

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

High Hills Elementary School has been designated as a:

X	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.7	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	13.6	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.9%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	94.9%	94.0%*	Yes

	State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)	61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials	0.0%

* Or greater than last year

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 3-5							
All Students	629.7	632.6	619.9	621.3	99.8	100.0	98.6
Male	624.2	629.8	616.9	621.4	99.6	100.0	98.5
Female	635.5	635.6	623.4	621.1	100.0	100.0	98.8
White	642.6	645.3	633.0	634.4	99.4	100.0	98.3
African American	618.3	622.0	607.9	609.2	100.0	100.0	99.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	634.1	634.8	N/A	625.3	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	606.0	605.4	595.6	607.6	98.8	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	619.5	622.7	608.3	612.2	100.0	100.0	99.6
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	256	629.8	100.0	256	634.3	100.0
	5	205	649.7	100.0	205	638.2	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	256	616.5	99.6	256	638.0	100.0
	5	100	636.8	99.0	105	634.8	98.1
	6	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	7	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	8	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	242	627.7	100.0	242	633.1	100.0
	5	247	631.7	99.6	248	632.5	100.0
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	242	616.5	100.0	239	623.7	100.0
	5	119	627.5	96.0	121	617.0	96.8
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	4301012
---	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----------	---------

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	631.2	625.8	615.2	628.1	99.6	99.8	99.5	N/A
Male	625.9	623.2	615.1	628.3	99.6	99.8	99.5	N/A
Female	636.7	628.5	615.3	627.9	99.7	99.7	99.5	N/A
White	649.9	646.1	636.8	642.6	99.2	99.4	99.4	N/A
African American	619.8	612.6	601.3	618.7	99.8	99.9	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	662.6	671.8	660.6	662.8	100.0	100.0	98.1	N/A
Hispanic	637.6	637.2	625.5	635.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	593.2	589.3	586.0	601.9	98.8	99.7	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	628.4	638.4	625.7	640.1	100.0	98.9	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	622.4	616.8	605.3	620.7	99.7	99.9	99.6	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	609.4	609.3	619.6	619.0	99.5	99.6	99.1	N/A
Male	602.5	607.0	619.4	620.6	99.4	99.5	98.9	N/A
Female	616.7	611.7	619.9	617.4	99.7	99.6	99.2	N/A
White	629.6	623.6	639.5	634.8	99.2	99.2	99.5	N/A
African American	598.5	601.0	608.3	610.7	99.7	99.7	98.8	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	634.3	644.7	656.0	657.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Hispanic	615.9	618.1	626.6	623.4	100.0	100.0	98.8	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	570.2	577.8	578.8	586.8	99.1	99.1	98.7	N/A
Limited English Proficient	592.0	602.5	600.3	607.9	100.0	100.0	97.6	N/A
Subsidized Meals	601.1	602.2	610.5	611.1	99.6	99.6	98.9	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	223.6	210.4	77.3	70.2	98.6	98.2	100.0	79.2
Male	220.8	211.0	77.6	70.7	98.1	97.5	100.0	75.0
Female	226.2	209.8	77.0	69.7	99.0	98.9	100.0	83.5
White	233.8	221.7	83.6	74.4	97.7	97.7	100.0	83.9
African American	218.6	204.6	73.7	67.8	99.0	98.3	100.0	76.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	88.9
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	80.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	72.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	205.3	193.1	67.3	63.2	94.7	93.0	100.0	35.4
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	218.8	204.8	74.8	67.8	98.2	97.8	100.0	73.6
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	4301012
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-----------	---------

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

0

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable

N/AV-Not Available

N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample